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1. SUMMARY: UNITAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NICOL INTRODUCED THIS ITEM ON OCTOBER 7. SOME 40 DELEGATES PARTICIPATED IN THE GENERAL DEBATE, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES. THE US STATEMENT DELIVERED BY MR. HAUGH IS CONVEYED BELOW. CONSULTATIONS ON THE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON UNITAR ARE CONTINUING. END SUMMARY.

2. DR. NICOL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH, INTRODUCED ITEM 57 IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 7 WITH A SURVEY OF UNITAR ACTIVITIES OF THE LAST YEAR. A COPY OF THE NICOL STATEMENT IS BEING POUCHED TO MR. FIGGINS (IO/CMD).

3. FOLLOWING NICOL'S PRESENTATION SOME 40 DELEGATES MADE SHORT STATEMENTS IN A SORT OF GENERAL DEBATE ON THE ITEM. VERY LITTLE NEW WAS SAID AND THE NATIONAL STATEMENTS TENDED TO BE ORGAIZED AROUND PARTICULAR PARTS OF THE UNITAR PROGRAM FAVORED BY THE SPEAKER.

4. A NUMBER OF NATIONAL STATEMENTS DWELLED ON THE DIFFICULT

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FINANCIAL SITUATION FACED BY UNITAR. MOST DELEGATES

CONTENTED THEMSELVES WITH URGING OTHER MEMBER STATES TO MAKE LARGER VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORGANIZATIONS. THE SWEDISH DELEGATION, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED THAT "THE POSSIBILITIES BE LOOKED INTO OF HAVING A CERTAIN PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION COSTS OF UNITAR FINANCED FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET." THIS SUGGESTION WAS SECONDED BY THE DELEGATION OF SUDAN.

5. MR. JOHN HAUGH DELIVERED THE US STATEMENT ON THE ITEM TOWARD THE END OF THE GENERAL DEBATE. THE STATEMENT IS QUOTED BELOW.

6. THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT RESOLUTION PREPARED BY THE UNITAR SECRETARIAT AND REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN USUN 4689 HAS NOT PROVED TO BE A SATISFACTORY BASIS FOR DELEGATION CONSULTATIONS. THEREFORE, THE DELEGATIONS OF MEXICO, UNITED STATES AND PAKISTAN HAVE INFORMALLY UNDERTAKEN TO DRAFT A FRESH RESOLUTION FOR THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION. USUN WILL BE REPORTING SEPARATELY ON DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE RESOLUTION.

"DRAFT STATEMENT ON ITEM 57, UNITAR
TO BE DELIVERED BY JOHN HAUGH

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK DR. NICOL FOR THE STATEMENT HE HAS DELIVERED. HE HAS GIVEN US A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF THE IMPORTANT WORK OF A SMALL BUT KEY ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS FAMILY. HE AND HIS STAFF AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE TO BE COMPLIMENTED FOR THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY AND IMAGINATION THEY HAVE BROUGHT TO BEAR OVER THE LAST YEAR.

CONSIDERING THE SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED. THE WORK OF UNITAR IN BOTH THE TRAINING AND RESEARCH AREAS, AND MOST ESPECIALLY IN ITS NEW PROGRAM OF RESEARCH, WAS SURPRISINGLY COMPREHENSIVE IN 1974 AND IN THE EARLY MONTHS OF 1975. ONE CAN SAY THAT THERE IS SOMETHING IN UNITAR FOR JUST ABOUT EVERYONE -- THE UNITED NATIONS FAMILY OF SECRETARIATS. THE MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR LARGE AND INCREASING NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS AROUND THE GLOBE NOT FORMALLY ASSOCIATED IN ANY WAY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS. FOR THOSE TAKING AN OPTIMISTIC ATTITUDE TOWARD THE FUTURE, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT TRAINING AND RESEARCH ARE ESSENTIAL BUILDING BLOCKS. WE OFTEN SPEAK ABSTRACTLY IN THOSE HALLS OF THE NEED FOR WIDER DISSEMINATION OF EDUCATION AND INFORMATION. IN UNITAR WE HAVE AN ORGANIZATION

WORKING LITERALLY ON A SHOESTRING AND AT THE SAME TIME MAKING IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN THESE AREAS OF CRITICAL CONCERN AND IMPORTANCE.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED UNITAR, INCLUDING VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. WE WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY AT A TIME WHEN UNITAR, TOGETHER WITH PRACTICALLY EVERY OTHER UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION, FACES A TRYING AND DIFFICULT MONETARY SITUATION TO URGE ALL TO BE FORTHCOMING IN MAKING AND FULFILLING PLEDGES OF VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND TO CONTINUOUSLY GIVE THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT CONSONANT WITH THE CHANGING ECONOMIC VALUES OF THE DAY SO THAT THIS ORGANIZATION DOES NOT SUFFER A DIMINUTION IN ITS ACTIVITY OR A DEFICIT IN ITS BUDGET.

FOR THOSE WHO APPRECIATE VALUE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION, I THINK IT IS PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING THAT DR. NICOL SAW FIT TO HAVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF UNITAR'S ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND THAT AS A RESULT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS, THE PROPORTION OF EXPENDITURES DEVOTED TO SUBSTANTIVE OPERATIONS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN 1974. THIS IS INDEED EXCELLENT NEWS OF THE SORT WE HOPE TO RECEIVE FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM.

THE UNITED STATES FULLY SHARES THE VIEW THAT UNITAR'S ROLE INVOLVES ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND PROBLEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
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IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. WE, FURTHERMORE, BELIEVE THAT UNITAR'S ACTIVITIES SHOULD CLOSELY REFLECT THE PLURALISTIC APPROACH TO ANALYSIS AND PROBLEM SOLVING INHERENT IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. THUS, WE ARE PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH CERTAIN OF THE PROGRAMS OF TRAINING AND CERTAIN OF THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, WHILE APPRECIATING THE FACT THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS MAY WELL PRIZE UNITAR FOR ACTIVITIES WHICH WE DO NOT NECESSARILY CONSIDER OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE. I WOULD LIKE TO DWELL ON THE POSITIVE FOR A MOMENT.

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IT STRIKES ME AND MY GOVERNMENT THAT UNITAR HAS BEEN MORE IMAGINATIVE AND INNOVATIVE IN ITS RESEARCH ACTIVITIES THAN IN ITS TRAINING PROGRAMS. THIS IS NOT TO BELITTLE THE TRAINING PROGRAMS. MOST OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE, IN FACT, OF LONG STANDING AND HAVE PROVED THEIR UTILITY.

I HAVE ONE INQUIRY REGARDING TRAINING ACTIVITIES. IT ARISES FROM A STATEMENT ON PAGE 2 OF THE ENGLISH TEXT OF DOCUMENT A/10014 CONCERNING THE INSTITUTE'S EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE INTERAGENCY-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOME ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND AD HOC MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT AND TO HAVE SOME AMPLIFICATION OF THE CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY ENVISAGED FOR UNDERTAKING TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS.

MY GOVERNMENT IS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT UNITAR'S RESEARCH ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN REORIENTED TOWARD STUDIES WHICH CAN BE COMPLETED AND USED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR. A MORE DIRECT LINK BETWEEN UNITAR'S RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND THEIR IMPACT ON GOVERNMENTS AND THE UNITED

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NATIONS SYSTEM APPEARS DESIRABLE. I THIS CONNECTION WE PARTICULARLY LOOK FORWARD TO THE RESULTS OF UNITAR'S PROJECT ON THE EFFECT OF AD HOC CONFERENCES, THE ANALYSIS OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE PUBLICATION OF A STUDY ENTITLED "BRAIN DRAIN AND STUDY ABROAD", AND ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

I THINK A SPECIAL WORD SHOULD BE SAID ABOUT THE UNITAR PROJECT ON THE FUTURE AND A SPECIAL WELCOME OFFERED TO MR. DE SEYNES IN HIS NEW POSITION AS THE HEAD OF THAT PROJECT WITHIN THE NEWLY REORGANIZED UNITAR. MOST OF THE FRUITS OF THIS PROJECT REMAIN TO BE SEEN. WE LOOK FORWARD BOTH TO REALISTIC IDENTIFICATION OF EVOLVING GLOBAL PROBLEMS AND TO PROPOSALS FOR TIMELY, IMAGINATIVE RESEARCH BY THE UN SYSTEM IN COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS SCHOLARLY, SCIENTIFIC AND BUSINESS INSTITUTIONS AROUND THE WORLD.
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